

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-3. (canceled)

4. (withdrawn) A method for manipulating a record list, in which each record on the list may be individually selected, comprising providing at least two distinct categorization inputs from the user, providing an indicia in the record list to indicate a respective record classification, and providing means for selectively processing the records according to a respective classification thereof.

5. (previously presented) A method for presenting document records to a user through a display interface, comprising the steps of:

- (a) managing a plurality of data files with a host application, the host application supporting applet execution;
- (b) selecting a data file from a plurality of data files;
- (c) analyzing the data file for the presence of data of a first type and a second type;
- (d) processing data of the first type through a first applet and data of the second type through a second applet;
- (e) merging and formatting the processed first and second data within the host application; and
- (f) displaying the merged and formatted processed first and second data.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the first data type is a graphics type and a second data type is a text data type.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the data file comprises a tagged format.

8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the first data type comprises a compressed format image.

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the data file comprises:

a header portion containing an index portion;

a first data type located near a terminus of the data file at a starting location referenced by the index portion; and

a second data type located between the header and the first data type, having an end of file marker at its terminus.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the host application comprises a hypertext browser.

11. (withdrawn) A data file format comprising:

a header portion containing an index portion;

a first data type located near a terminus of the data file at a starting location referenced by the index portion; and

a second data type located between the header and the first data type, having an end of file marker at its terminus.

12. (withdrawn) The data file format according to claim 11, wherein said data file format is compatible with the Group-4 Tagged Image Format File (TIFF) specifications, said first data type corresponding to compressed image data.

13. (withdrawn) The data file format according to claim 11, wherein said second data type comprises a text file contextually associated with said first data type.

14. (previously presented) A method of processing a data file having two different data types, comprising the steps of:

(a) processing the data file with a first applet, adapted for reading data of a first data type, to extract data of the first data type;

(b) processing the data file with a second applet, adapted for reading data of a second data type, to extract data of the second data type,

wherein the data file includes an index portion in a header pointing to the first data type, and the second data type resides between the header and the first data type, having an end of file marker at a terminus thereof.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the first applet skips past the end of file marker based on the index portion, thereby circumventing processing of the second data type.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein an object browser accesses the data file, and invokes the first and second applets for interpreting the composite data.

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the first data type is a graphics type and a second data type is a text data type.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the header and first data type are compatible with the Group 4 Tagged Image Format File specifications.

19. (new) The method of claim 5, wherein step (b) comprises:
displaying a list of the plurality of data files; and
enabling a user to select the data file from the displayed list.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein said enabling step comprises:
enabling a user to sort the displayed list.

21. (new) The method of claim 5, wherein the host application includes at least one Windows Visual Basic (VBX) control, wherein step (f) comprises:

(1) displaying the merged and formatted processed first and second data using the at least one VBX control.

22. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one VBX control includes an Accusoft ImageGEAR product control, wherein the first data type is a graphics data type, wherein step (1) comprises:

displaying the graphics data type using the Accusoft ImageGEAR product control.

23. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one VBX control includes a BennetTec AllText product control, wherein the second data type is a text data type, wherein step (1) comprises:

displaying the text data type using the BennetTec AllText product control.

24. (new) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

displaying a list of data files at the object browser; and
enabling a user to select the data file from the displayed list.

25. (new) The method of claim 24, wherein said enabling step comprises:
enabling a user to sort the displayed list.